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SUBJECT: GUSH EMUNIM MARCH TO JERICHO

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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. ISRAELI CABINET AT APRIL 11 MEETING REJECTED A MOTION BY MINISTER OF HEALTH SHEMTOV (MAPAM) WHICH WOULD HAVE PROHIBITED THE PLANNED WEST BANK MARCH TO JERICHO BY GUSH EMUNIM AND ITS SUPPORTERS APRIL 18-19. SPEAKING AGAINST THE MOTION, DEFMIN PERES REITERATED THAT HE HAD APPROVED THE MARCH ONLY AFTER RECEIVING ASSURANCES FROM ITS ORGANIZERS THAT IT WOULD AVOID INHABITED AREAS AND NOT BE USED TO ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH AN UNAUTHORIZED SETTLEMENT. SHEMTOV ARGUED THAT THE MARCH IS A "POLITICAL DEMONSTRATION" AND THEREFORE INOPPOURTUNE AT THE PRESENT TIME.

2. GUSH EMUNIM LEADERS TOLD REPORTERS APRIL 10 THAT THEY

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EXPECTED 60-70 THOUSAND PARTICIPANTS TO START FROM

NORTH OF RAMALLAH APRIL 18 AND REACH THE OUTSKIRTS OF JERICHO THE FOLLOWING DAY. THE GROUP WILL CAMP OVERNIGHT AT NAHAL KOCHAV HASHAHAR (TEN MILES NORTHEAST OF RAMALLAH).

3. THE GUSH SPOKESMAN CONFIRMED THAT THEY HAD NO INTENTION OF ATTEMPTING TO ESTABLISH A SETTLEMENT; THEY DID CHIDE THE GOVERNMENT, HOWEVER, FOR BEING SLOW TO SETTLE THE WEST BANK AND CLAIMED THERE WERE ABOUT THREE HUNDRED PEOPLE WHO WANT TO SETTLE NEAR JERICHO. THEY ALSO ADMITTED THAT THE MARCH WAS TIMED SO AS TO INFLUENCE THE GOVERNMENT DEBATE ON WEST BANK SETTLEMENT POLICY EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE SHORTLY.

4. THE ROUTE OF MARCH WILL PASS BY THE OUTSKIRTS OF TWO ARAB VILLAGES (YABRUD AND KAFR MALIK). THE IDF HAS ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SECURITY OF THE MARCHERS, BUT IS NOT EXPECTED ACTUALLY TO ACCOMPANY THEM. ADVERTISEMENTS PLACED BY GUSH EMUNIM TO SOLICIT PARTICIPANTS HAVE SUGGESTED THAT PEOPLE WHO OWN FIREARMS BRING THEM. END UNCLASSIFIED.

5. COMMENT: BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. WHATEVER THE STATED INTENTIONS OF GUSH EMUNIM, SEVERAL THOUSAND ISRAELIS MARCHING THROUGH THE WEST BANK WITH FIREARMS CONSTITUTE A POTENTIALLY EXPLOSIVE SITUATION. ONE MFA OFFICIAL HAS SAID PRIVATELY THAT HE WISHED IT WERE NOT GOING TO TAKE PLACE.
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